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IRRIGATED LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent and details of irrigated cultivable land in the country as on date,State-wise;

(b) the area of land irrigated by surface water and underground water separately; and

(c) the various modes of irrigation adopted for the irrigation of the remaining un-irrigated land and the break-up thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Total gross irrigated area in the country for the latest available year 2005-06 is 82.62 million hectares. The State wise details of gross irrigated area are given as under:

State/UTs	Gross irrigated area (in thousand hectares) for 2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	5996
Arunachal Pradesh	45
Assam	161
Bihar	4221
Chhatisgarh	1375
Goa	38
Gujarat	4292
Haryana	5446
Himachal Pradesh	177
Jammu & Kashmir	454
Jharkhand	211
Karnataka	3632
Kerala	460
Madhya Pradesh	5878
Maharashtra	3711
Manipur	51
Meghalaya	64
Mizoram	19
Nagaland	106
Orissa	2687
Punjab	7814
Rajasthan	7818
Sikkim	10
Tamil Nadu	3397
Tripura	104
Uttaranchal	559
Uttar Pradesh	18345
West Bengal	5483
Chandigarh	2
D&N Haveli	7
Delhi	32
Pondicherry	29
All India	82625

(b) & (c): As per the Report of the Working Group on Water Resources for Eleventh Plan, irrigation potential area utilized by surface water and ground water upto the end of Tenth Plan is 46.42 million hectares and 40.81 million hectares respectively. During the Eleventh Plan period, a target of 16 million hectares of irrigation potential to be created has been envisaged. Of this, 9 million hectares is expected to be created through major and medium irrigation projects and 7 million hectares from minor irrigation schemes.